

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

1.(Currently amended) A vendable, packaged non-beverage food product, comprising:
a container sized and shaped for being dispensable from the containerized beverage pathways of a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a non-beverage food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said non-beverage food product-enclosing portion; and
a sandwich-like product contained within said container.

2.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product further comprises a bread-like portion and filler material.

3.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 2 wherein said filler material is in contact with said bread-like portion.

4.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product has a shelf-life of up to three years.

5.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product is enclosed in a wrapper.

6.(Previously presented) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said container is divided into a first compartment and a second compartment, said sandwich-like product being contained in one of said first compartment or said second compartment, and the other compartment containing a disparate food product.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

8.(Previously presented) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 6 wherein said disparate food product is selected from the group consisting of savory snacks, chips, nuts, cookies, candy, yogurt, gelatinous desserts or dairy-containing desserts.

9.(Previously presented) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said container is further comprised of separable compartments separably affixed together for dispensing, wherein each said separable compartment further comprises a food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said food-product-enclosing portion, and each said separable compartment of said container contains a disparate, non-beverage food product.

10.(Currently amended) A vendable packaged combination of food products, comprising:
a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a non-beverage food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said non-beverage food product-enclosing portion; and
at least two disparate food products contained within said container one of which being a sandwich-like product.

11.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein said vendable container is comprised of separated compartments each sized to contain a disparate food product.

12.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 11 wherein said vendable container comprises a single food product-enclosing portion which is separated into compartments by a movable partition member.

13.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 11 wherein said vendable container comprises separable compartments, each compartment comprising a food product-enclosing portion, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of each said compartment.

Claims 14 and 15 (Cancelled)

16.(Previously amended) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein at least one of said disparate food products is a snack food item consisting of savory snacks, chips, nuts, cookies, candy, yogurt, gelatinous desserts or dairy-containing desserts.

17.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein at least one of said disparate food products is a beverage.

18.(Withdrawn) A method for dispensing a sandwich-like product from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, comprising:
providing a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said food product-enclosing portion;
filling said vendable container with a sandwich-like product;
placing said vendable container filled with a sandwich-like product in a vending machine structured for vending containerized beverages; and

providing a selection mechanism by which a consumer may select for the vending from the machine of a vendable container filled with a sandwich-like product.

19.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18 wherein said vendable container is further structured with more than one compartment, each compartment being separately structured to contain a disparate food product from that contained in another compartment.

20.(Withdrawn) A method for dispensing a combination of food products, contained in a vendable container, from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, comprising:
providing a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said food product-enclosing portion;
filling said vendable container with at least two disparate food products;
placing said vendable container filled with said at least two disparate food products in a vending machine structured for vending containerized beverages; and
providing a selection mechanism by which a consumer may select for the vending from the machine of a vendable container filled with at least two disparate food products.

21.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20 wherein one of said at least two disparate food products is a sandwich-like product.

22.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20 wherein one of said at least two disparate food products is a beverage and another of said at least two disparate food products is a non-beverage.

23.(Currently amended) A vendable packaged combination of products, comprising:
a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from the containerized beverage pathways of a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a non-concealed product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said non-concealed product-enclosing portion; and
at least two disparate products contained within said non-concealed product-enclosing portion of said container, ~~neither of said at least two disparate products being a non-utilitarian product~~ said disparate products being either food products or consumer products for use by a consumer as an end product.

24.(Original) The vendable combination of products as set forth in claim 23 wherein one of said at least two disparate products is a comestible product.

25.(Original) The vendable combination of products as set forth in claim 24 wherein one of said at least two disparate products is a non-comestible product.

26.(Currently amended) The vendable combination of products as set forth in claim 23 wherein said at least two disparate products are both ~~utilitarian~~, non-comestible consumer products.